

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION
3:12-cv-481-GCM
3:94-cr-111-GCM-28**

JERRY ALLEN BAILEY,)
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 Petitioner,)
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 v.)
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 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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 Respondent.)
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ORDER

THIS MATTER comes before the Court on an initial review of Petitioner's Motion to Vacate, Set Aside or Correct Sentence, filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255. For the reasons that follow, Petitioner's Section 2255 motion will be dismissed.

On May 2, 1996, Petitioner was convicted of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and distribution of cocaine, and cocaine base, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846 & 841. Petitioner was sentenced to 360-months' imprisonment. The Petitioner filed two previous motions under Section 2255 challenging his criminal judgment. The first Section 2255 motion was denied and dismissed in February 1999. (3:96-cv-69-GCM). The second Section 2255 motion was dismissed as successive on December 22, 1999, after the Court found that Petitioner had failed to present evidence that he had obtained the necessary authorization from the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit to file another motion under Section 2255. (3:99-cv-495-GCM, Doc. No. 2).

On August 2, 2012, Petitioner returned to this Court with yet a third motion under Section 2255. As the Court observed in its Order dismissing Petitioner's second Section 2255

motion, there are statutory constraints on a petitioner's ability to pursue relief under Section 2255.

The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act ("AEDPA"), provides, in relevant part, that "[a] second or successive motion [under Section 2255] must be certified as provided in Section 2244 by a panel of the appropriate court of appeals to contain—

(1) newly discovered evidence that, if proven and viewed in light of the evidence as a whole, would be sufficient to establish by clear and convincing evidence that no reasonable factfinder would have found the movant guilty of the offense; or

(2) a new rule of constitutional law, made retroactive to cases on collateral review by the Supreme Court, that was previously unavailable.

28 U.S.C. § 2255(h).

Petitioner has provided no evidence that he has secured authorization from the Fourth Circuit to file a successive § 2255 motion, therefore this Court is without jurisdiction to consider the merits of this successive Section 2255 motion and it will be dismissed.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Petitioner's Section 2255 motion is **DISMISSED** without prejudice as an unauthorized, successive Section 2255 motion. (3:12-cv-481-GCM, Doc. No. 1).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Rule 11(a) of the Rules Governing Section 2255 Cases, the Court declines to issue a certificate of appealability as Petitioner has not made a substantial showing of a denial of a constitutional right. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2); Miller-El v. Cockrell, 537 U.S. 322, 336-38 (2003) (in order to satisfy § 2253(c), a petitioner must demonstrate that reasonable jurists would find the district court's assessment of the constitutional claims debatable or wrong); Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 474, 484 (2000) (holding that when relief is denied on procedural grounds, a petitioner must establish both that the correctness of the

dispositive procedural ruling is debatable, and that the petition states a debatably valid claim of the denial of a constitutional right).

Signed: December 28, 2012

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Graham C. Mullen", written over a horizontal line.

Graham C. Mullen
United States District Judge

